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SUBJ: NSSM 243: MAAG REQUIREMENTS STUDY

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1. EMBASSY REGARDS OPTION B TO BE THE MINIMUM REQUIRED STAFFING LEVEL FOR AN OSA/USLOK OPERATION IN KUWAIT. A NINE-MAN USLOK IS CURRENTLY APPROVED BY THE JCS AS THE MINIMUM ESSENTIAL STAFF NEEDED TO PLAN AND MANAGE THE OVERALL SECURITY ASSISTANCE EFFORT, PLUS SUPERVISE AND COORDINATE THE IN-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBORDINATE TAFTS, WSLOS, MTTS, ETC.

2. AMBASSADOR CONSIDERS MODIFIED OPTION B (PARA C REFTTEL) PROVIDING A SENIOR DOD OFFICER AND TWO DEPUTIES FINANCED BY USG AS THE MINIMUM ESSENTIAL STAFF TO MAN AN EMBASSY OSA. OBVIOUSLY, THREE-MAN OSA IS NOT ADEQUATE TO MANAGE AN FMS PROGRAM OF KUWAIT'S MAGNITUDE. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT THE GOK TO FINANCE AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT OFFICERS (CHUSLOK WAS ALWAYS TO BE USG-FUNDED) TO STAFF USLOK.

3. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, WE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO CONVINCE THE GOK TO FINANCE SUCH A USLOK STAFF. ALTHOUGH PROGRESS
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TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE HAD BEEN VIRTUALLY NONEXISTENT FOR MORE

THAN A YEAR, WE NOW HAVE BEEN PRESSING HARD ON THE MOD TO CONCLUDE THESE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THIS MONTH. WE ARE FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN CONVINCE MOD TO FINANCE AT LEAST SIX OFFICERS ON THE USLOK STAFF, ALTHOUGH OUR GOAL WILL CONTINUE TO BE EIGHT.

4. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO PERSUADE THE MOD TO FINANCE THE ENTIRE EIGHT OFFICERS, WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE SHORTFALL IN A USLOK MILITARY STAFF BE COMPENSATED BY USG FUNDED MILITARY POSITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR AN OSA OF 3 OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE CHIEF, AND A SUPPORTING USLOK STAFF OF EIGHT OFFICERS, TO BRING THE OVERALL TOTAL TO 11 MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY KUWAIT TO SUPPORT THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. SHOULD WE FAIL TO PERSUADE THE MOD TO FUND ANY USLOK POSITIONS (WHICH WE CONSIDER DOUBTFUL), THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH FULL USG FUNDED STAFFING LEVEL PROEBSSED IN OPTION B. MAESTRONE

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